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**1:09 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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The House of Representatives met in Perfunctory Session pursuant to adjournment.

### LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

November 2, 2011

Timothy D. Mapes  
Chief Clerk of the House  
300 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mapes:

Please be advised that I am extending the Final Action Deadline to November 10, 2011 for the following House and Senate Bills:

**House Bill: 3865**

**Senate Bills: 38, 40, 165, 397, 400, 634, 1227, 1377, 1567, 1615, 1617, 1640, 1762, 1849, 1865, 1900, 2025, and 2147**

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

October 27, 2011

Tim Mapes, Clerk  
Illinois House of Representatives  
420 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mapes:

Please be advised that the following members will serve as Republican Leaders for the 97th General Assembly.

Representative Jim Watson  
Representative Mike Bost

Assistant Republican Leader  
Republican Caucus Chairman

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Cross  
House Republican Leader

October 31, 2011

Timothy D. Mapes  
Clerk of the House  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
300 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following change to a 97th General Assembly House Committee is effective immediately.

Environment & Energy

- Representative Karen May is appointed Chairperson.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

#### **MOTIONS SUBMITTED**

Representative William Davis submitted the following written motion, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

#### **MOTION**

I move to concur with Senate Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 1224.

#### **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Housing Affordability Impact Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 3793.

#### **STATE DEBT IMPACT NOTE SUPPLIED**

A State Debt Impact Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 3793.

#### **JUDICIAL NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Judicial Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 3793.

#### **CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Holbrook was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Currie became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 1567.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Zalewski was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Acevedo became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 1617.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Holbrook was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Bradley became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 1900.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 593**

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, On August 2, 2011, the Budget Control Act of 2011 was signed into law creating the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, a bipartisan Congressional committee given the task of identifying an additional \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, also known as the Super Committee, is comprised of 12 lawmakers, appointed equally by Democratic and Republican leaders in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, The Super Committee shall vote by November 23, 2011 on its debt reduction proposals and if a majority of the Super Committee reaches an agreement on all or part of a deficit reduction plan, then the proposal shall receive an up or down vote by the House and Senate by December 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Changes to the Medicaid program are being considered as a component of securing a portion of the \$1.5 trillion in savings to be reported by the Super Committee; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has forwarded recommendations to the Super Committee for \$72 billion in federal Medicaid reductions, including limits on the use of provider assessment programs, changes to federal matching rate formulas, and restrictions on the use of Disproportionate Share Hospital payments; and

WHEREAS, While changes to the Medicaid program are a vital component for deficit reduction, such reforms should go beyond proposals seeking to limit the federal share of expenditures and must focus on the underlying factors that have led to unsustainable growth in the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid Maintenance of Effort (MOE) provisions contained in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) require states to maintain eligibility standards, methodologies, and procedures that were in place on the date of the enactment of the ACA, and these MOE requirements seriously impair the ability of states in fiscal crises to administer viable Medicaid programs; and

WHEREAS, In an attempt to control escalating Medicaid costs and improve coordination of care for enrollees, Illinois enacted comprehensive Medicaid reforms in 2011, including changes to require applicants to submit one month of income data and proof of Illinois residency when applying for Medicaid coverage; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) submitted written correspondence to the Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services blocking implementation of these two common sense, bipartisan reforms as a violation of the MOE provisions contained in the ACA; and

WHEREAS, The rejection of these reforms, which are already in place in numerous states, hamper Illinois' ability to verify which applicants and enrollees are truly eligible for Medicaid services, thereby increasing Medicaid costs for both the State and federal government; and

WHEREAS, Relaxation of the MOE requirements in the ACA would provide states the flexibility to administer Medicaid programs based on factors currently present in each individual state and would end the practice of penalizing states that have proactively implemented comprehensive coverage provisions during more stable economic times; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' economy continues to struggle while the Medicaid program consumes an ever growing percentage of available revenues, estimated to result in a \$2.4 billion end-of-year backlog of Medicaid bills for Fiscal Year 2012; and

WHEREAS, Allowing additional flexibility in developing Medicaid guidelines for eligibility, methodologies, and procedures will help Illinois to implement program efficiencies to reduce payment backlogs, reduce hardships to medical providers who are waiting for payments, and safeguard care for those verifiably eligible for services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to recommend repealing the Medicaid Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements in the

Affordable Care Act which have been cited by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in blocking bipartisan, common sense Medicaid reforms; and be it further

RESOLVED, That that we urge the Congress of the United States to vote to repeal the Medicaid Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements to allow states to have the flexibility to administer Medicaid programs based on current circumstances in each state with the goal of providing access to care to those truly in need and eligible for assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the 12 members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, members of the Illinois Congressional delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the President of the United States.

### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 3870. Introduced by Representatives Morthland - Harris, David - Franks, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 3871. Introduced by Representative Arroyo, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 3872. Introduced by Representative Arroyo, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 3873. Introduced by Representative Arroyo, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 3874. Introduced by Representative Poe, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3875. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 3876. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 3877. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 3878. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning business.

At the hour of 1:10 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session recessed.

At the hour of 2:17 o'clock p.m., the House reconvened perfunctory session.

### **TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Representative Lyons replaced Representative Lang in the Committee on Rules on November 2, 2011.

Representative Mell replaced Representative Mautino in the Committee on Rules on November 2, 2011.

Representative Durkin replaced Representative Schmitz in the Committee on Rules on November 2, 2011.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on November 2, 2011, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:**

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Consideration Postponed: SENATE BILL 2147.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading--Short Debate: SENATE BILLS 40, 165, 1762 and 1865.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

Elementary & Secondary Education: SENATE BILL 634 and HOUSE RESOLUTION 487.

Environment & Energy: SENATE BILL 1617.

Executive: SENATE BILLS 38, 1567, 1615, 1640 and 1849 and HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE RESOLUTION 550.

Human Services: SENATE BILL 1377 and HOUSE RESOLUTION 593.

Insurance: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to HOUSE RESOLUTION 450 and HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to SENATE BILL 1313.

Personnel and Pensions: HOUSE BILL 3865.

Revenue & Finance: SENATE BILLS 397, 400, 1227, 1900 and 2025.

State Government Administration: HOUSE RESOLUTION 466.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:

4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson

Y Durkin(R) (replacing Schmitz)

Y Lyons(D) (replacing Lang)

A Leitch(R)

Y Mell(D) (replacing Mautino)

At the hour of 2:17 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.